

**TOWN OF UNIONVILLE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Unionville Town Council met on Monday, May 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 1102 Unionville Church Road, Monroe, NC. Mayor Simpson and Commissioners Randy Baucom, Edd Little, Jaren Simpson and Ken Trull were present. Commissioner Ken Brown was absent. Town Attorney Ken Helms was also present.

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag, after which Commissioner Edd Little led the prayer of invocation.

Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Clerk Gaddy administered the oath of office to Deputy Clerk Melody Braswell, after which she joined the meeting.

There were no public comments.

Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Randy Baucom, Council unanimously approved the minutes of the April 20, 2015 regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Budget and Finance Officer Darrell Baucom, who reviewed the financial statements, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. Mr. Baucom noted the cash balances for the Bank of North Carolina money market, the BB&T account and the Yadkin Bank certificate of deposit account. In Budget vs. Actual, total income for the year is \$325,000 versus the budget of \$328,000, so we should be able to meet the budget. In expenses, there is a savings on election expenses and legal fees; overall the Town is \$31,000 under budget on expenses. Overall, the Town is \$28,000 favorable to budget. In Transactions by Account, significant items paid were worker's compensation insurance of \$1,512; the remaining amounts are normal expenses. Please add the following to Bills to be Paid: Web Building Solutions of \$59.95 and Life and Dental insurance of \$85.00. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Trull, Council unanimously agreed to pay pending bills including the two added above.

Mr. Baucom drew Council's attention to the 2015-2016 proposed budget overview, as there were no changes since last month's review. Mayor Simpson set a budget public hearing for Monday, June 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall prior to the regular meeting.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Barbara Faulk, representing Union County Community Arts Council. She thanked the Council for their past support and presented a framed recognition to them. She stated that the funds she is requesting are specifically for Unionville residents. In the past year, they gave \$3,300 to Unionville area schools and projects--\$500 to Piedmont and Porter Ridge High Schools each and \$300 to Unionville Lions Club. They also funded \$2,000 for Artist in Residence at Piedmont High School, four sessions with an international artist who taught students about building a portrait in clay. She is asking for an increase this year. She introduced Piedmont High art teacher Mrs. Tracy Price. Mrs. Price stated that Piedmont Middle and Piedmont High Schools have teachers willing to write grant applications to apply for the Arts Council's funds. They always receive funds when they apply, and the money comes back to the community—to the children. Last year, funds helped with a field trip to Washington, D.C. and Very Special Arts. Mayor Simpson asked if the Arts Council requests funds from Hemby Bridge and Fairview. She stated she does not; she focuses on Unionville, as the priorities lie here. Last year, the Town donated \$1,000 to the Arts Council. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Ken Trull, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$1,200 to Union County Community Arts Council.

Mayor Simpson recognized Ms. Lisa Bratton, Volunteer Coordinator with Turning Point. She thanked the Town for their past donations, and requested funds for the domestic violence shelter in Union County. They provide free shelter, counseling, court advocacy and children's programs for abused women and children in the area. One-third of their budget comes from the thrift stores; one-third from fund-raising and one-third from grants and community involvement. They are celebrating their thirtieth year in Union County. She invited Council to a tour of the shelter; tours are offered twice a month. They have a success rate of 93 percent of women living a domestic-violence-free life after their experience. Ms. Bratton didn't know if any of their clients was from Unionville specifically. Last year, 11,000 volunteers helped 439 victims; answered 189 crisis calls and logged 1,257 court hours with clients, while operating 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Budget and Finance Officer Baucom stated that the Town donated \$1,500 last year to Turning Point. Upon motion duly made by Randy Baucom, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$2,000 to Turning Point.

Mayor Simpson recognized Mr. Jim Walker, with Unionville Lions Club. Mr. Walker stated that the average age of their club members is 72 years old. They appreciate how the Town helps them with funding each year. They strive to meet community needs with eyeglasses, utility bills and groceries. They spend \$5,000-\$6,000 helping children at Christmas. Musicians will no longer donate their music for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, therefore, they are asking that the Town sponsor the music for \$5,000 and they will display a sign stating the Town's donation. Upon motion duly made by Edd Little, seconded by Jaren Simpson, Council unanimously approved a donation of \$5,000 to the Unionville Lions Club for July 4<sup>th</sup> music.

Mayor Simpson drew Council's attention to the notice regarding the expiration of Council terms and election filing dates and times.

Council discussed riding on a fire truck for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade this year. Mr. Jim Walker stated that the Unionville Lions Club is considering asking parade participants to no longer throw candy to the crowd, due to the danger it creates. He asked the Council's desires. The consensus of the Council was that they would support the Lions Club's decision.

Council noted Clerk Gaddy's vacation request and agreed with the dates requested.

In other business, Parks and Recreation Chairman Michele Sarno left word that there have been 116 surveys completed to date, and 70 percent of them are in favor of a park in Unionville. She will have more information at next month's meeting.

There being no other business, Mayor Simpson declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya W. Gaddy  
Clerk

Approved as to form:

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R. Kenneth Helms, Jr., Town Attorney